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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF NEWSWEEK STORY THAT
SECRETARY RESPONSIBLE FOR BREAKDOWN OF KM 101 TALKS

1. LIMITED-CIRCULATION, ENGLISH LANGUAGE, EGYPTIAN GAZETTE
HAS AS MAIN FEATURE NEWSWEEK STORY THAT SECRETARY PERSUADED
ISRAELIS NOT TO NEGOTIATE SEPARATION OF FORCES DURING KM 101
DISCUSSIONS, PREFERRING TO HOLD THIS ITEM FOR OPENING PHASE
OF PEACE CONFERENCE. THIS COVERAGE IS FURTHER SENSATIONALIZED
BY REPORTAGE IN SAME STORY OF DAYAN'S REMARKS ON ARRIVAL AT
LOD AIRPORT THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH TALKS IN US AND THAT HE
THOUGHT NO ONE EXPECTED ISRAEL TO DO ANYTHING BEFORE GENEVA
CONFERENCE.

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2. GAZETTE'S SENSATIONAL COVERAGE IS NOT PARALLELED BY PLAY IN

ARABIC-LANGUAGE CAIRO PRESS. AHRAM HAS SMALL FIRST-PAGE ARTICLE IN SECONDARY POSITION RECOUNTING DETAILS OF NEWSWEEK STORY AND GUMHURIYYA GIVES IT RELATIVELY MINOR IMPORTANCE. AKHBAR DOES NOT MENTION NEWSWEEK STORY AT ALL. DAYAN'S REMARKS ARE GIVEN SOMEWHAT MORE SPACE IN AHRAM AND BANNER HEADLINES IN AKHBAR: QUOTE DAYAN STATES AMERICA SYMPATHISES WITH ISRAEL: UNQUOTE

3. COMMENT: PLAY OF NEWSWEEK STORY DOES NOT SUGGEST THAT IT IS A MAJOR ISSUE AT THE MOMENT. PLAY OF DAYAN'S REMARKS HOWEVER REFLECTS CLOSE ATTENTION GIVEN BY EGYPTIANS TO STATEMENTS BY ISRAELI LEADERS. END COMMENT
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